



SITUATION REPORT TO ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION

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PURPOSE: For the information of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Public Security Division. This Situation Report contains information that is presently available to provide the immediate status of the occurrence. Further information shall be provided in a supplemental Situation Report prepared if required.

ISSUE:

- A summary of the updated information presented at the RCMP DEOC Gold/Silver/Bronze Commander's meeting at 1330 hours on 2022-02-09.
- The status of the trucker convoy protest/ road blockade on Highway 4 near Coutts, Alberta continuing from January 29, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

- Information from RCMP, CBSA and United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.
- The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day.
- There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.
- The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

CURRENT STATUS as of 13300 hrs on 2022-02-09:

- On the heels of announcements by Alberta Premier Jason Kenney on 2022-02-08 at 17:00 that provincial mandates would be lifted in the Province of Alberta in the coming weeks, the initial mood at the Coutts crossing location appeared to escalate.
- shortly after the announcements protesters realigned the existing commercial vehicles and farm tractors to completely block the Port of Entry (POE) at the Coutts location.
- with the Border closed traffic was again stopped by police at the CP10 and CP14 location near Milk River, Alberta to keep traffic from surging south to Coutts.
- Today (February 9th) the mood amongst protesters remains status quo, as they seemed to have aligned their demands beyond the Alberta-centric provincial announcement to the national message of ending all mandates.



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- At the main site in Coutts currently 16 semi-trucks are lining the northbound side of the highway 4 and 17 are lining the southbound lanes along with 3 personal vehicles. In the median between the N/B and S/B lanes protesters have aligned 10 farm large farm tractors and 3 commercial trucks in a Tetris like pattern to ensure no traffic can squeeze through.
- At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on highway 4 there are 19 commercial vehicles, 34 RV's, approximately 103 passenger vehicles, and 12 farm vehicles.
- Sheriff resources continue to be engaged to ensure checkpoints north of the Carway and Del Bonita POE's are active while the ports are open (both close at 1800).
- The need for heavy equipment to clear the highway of vehicles still exists and will be critical for any enforcement action. Currently the investigative team is working on some tow strategies, but have nothing concrete at the time of this report aside from one heavy duty tow truck owned by the City of Edmonton that they have removed all decals. Given it is only one tow truck, investigators are working on potential strategies that would support that asset.
- CCMG is still working hard with the community and have identified an area that would allow for a legal protest, which would enhance police and public safety. This area is owned by the Ministry of Transportation and has been approved for usage. The overarching plan is to move the protesters at CP10 to move to the safe location today, which will alleviate some of the current safety concerns.

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Media releases continue to be disseminated when required.
- Social media messaging from RCMP accounts is being used heavily in the print media.
- Social media is being monitored, comments have turned negative towards law enforcement throughout the day.

MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- N/A

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

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